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SUBJECT: EC TARIFF RE-CLASSIFICATION OF SEMI-CONDUCTORS

REF: EC BRUSSELS 3469

1. ON JULY 19, LOERKE (THE US DESK OFFICER UNDER HIJZEN
IN EXTERNAL RELATIONS) TOLD US THE FOLLOWING ABOUT THE
STATUS OF OUR REQUEST FOR RE-CLASSIFICATION OF SEMI-CONDUCTORS:
FOR THE PST MONTH OR SO THE 113 COMMITTEE HAS BEEN ENTIRELY
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TAKEN UP WITH THE GATT ARTICLE XXIV:6 NEGOTIATIONS.

BECAUSE OF THE HIGH PRIORITY GIVEN THESE NEGOTIATIONS, THE COMMISSION HAS NOT FOUND IT POSSIBLE TO MOVE THE SEMI-CONDUCTOR CASE FORWARD WITH THE MEMBER STATES. THE COMMISSION WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE AUGUST RECESS TO RESUME ITS ATTEMPTS TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM. LOERKE SAID THE COMMISSION WOULD MEANWHILE APPRECIATE RECEIVING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION OR VIEWS WE MIGHT WISH TO MAKE AVAILABLE ON SPECIFICS OF THE CASE.

2. WE TOOK NOTE OF LOERKE'S COMMENTS AND SAID WE WOULD ADVISE WASHINGTON. WE EXPRESSED REGRET AND CONCERN THAT THIS LONG-PENDING MATTER STILL REMAINS UNRESOLVED DESPITE FREQUENT US REPRESENTATIONS AND TALKS WITH THE COMMISSION REGARDING IT. LOERKE ASSURED US THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD DO ITS BEST TO MOVE THE MATTER ALONG AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME FOLLOWING THE COMMUNITY RECESS.

3. WE WILL RETURN TO THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS THE COMMUNITY RECONVENES AND AGAIN PRESS FOR QUICK ACTION. MEANWHILE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE WASHINGTON MIGHT PROVIDE IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTIONS RAISED IN PARAGRAPH FIVE OF THE REFTEL. GREENWALD

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